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**REQUEST FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
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Address to:
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 Commissioner for Patents
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Application Number: 09/994,068

Confirmation Number: 8561

Filing Date: November 27, 2001

First Named Inventor: Tsutomu ARAKAWA

Group Art Unit: 1642

Examiner: Laura B. GODDARD

Attorney Docket Number: 06843.0028-02000

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114:

- a. Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.
 - i. Consider the arguments in the Response After Final filed on August 21, 2006.
 - ii. Other _____
- b. **DO NOT ENTER** the amendment(s) previously filed on _____. An alternate submission is attached.
- c. Enclosed submission: .
 - i. Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b) (2 pages)
 - ii. IDS Form PTO/SB/08 (1 page)
 - iii. Six (6) listed documents
 - iv. Petition for Extension of Time for the Second and Third Months (1 page)

2. Miscellaneous

- a. Suspension of action on the above-mentioned application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of ____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required.)
- b. Other _____

3. Fees

- a. The filing fee is calculated as follows:
 - i. \$790.00 RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
 - ii. \$900.00 fee for the petition for extension of time for the second and third month
 - iii. Other _____
- b. Please charge the total amount of \$1,690.00 to Deposit Account No. 06-0916.
- c. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiencies in the filing fees, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Signature of Applicant, Attorney, or Agent Required

Name: Elisabeth Jaffe Barek

Reg. No.: 46,797

Signature: Elisabeth Jaffe Barek

Date: October 19, 2006

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